IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Original) An apparatus comprising an inflatable bouncer having an uninflated roof with an inner portion and a periphery, wherein the uninflated roof is supported at the inner portion by an inflated column.

2.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an inflatable bottom section having a periphery and a central area, wherein the inflated column is coupled to the bottom section proximate the central area.

3.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising a plurality of inflatable, outer columns coupled proximate the periphery of the bottom section.

4.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the uninflated roof extends between the ~~inner~~ inflated column and a plurality of outer columns.

5.   (Currently Amended) An inflatable device comprising:
        a circular, inflatable bottom section having a periphery and a central area;
        an inflatable inner column coupled to the bottom section proximate the central area and extending upward to a peak;
        a plurality of inflatable, outer columns coupled proximate the periphery;
        an upper support section coupled to a top of each of the outer columns;
        a wall extending between the bottom section and the upper support section and having a door; and
        an uninflated roof attached to the inner column at a location below the peak and supported by the inner column and the upper support section such that the inflatable bouncer has the appearance of a carousel.

6.   (Currently Amended) The inflatable <u>device</u> of claim 5, further including silhouettes of animals on the mesh wall.

7.   (Currently Amended) The inflatable <u>device</u> of claim 5, wherein the inner column is attached at a center of the bottom section.

8.   (Currently Amended) The inflatable <u>device</u> of claim 5, wherein the wall includes a mesh wall.

9.   (Currently Amended) The inflatable <u>device</u> of claim 5, wherein the inner column is taller than the each of the outer columns.

10.   (Currently Amended) An inflatable <u>bouncer</u> comprising:

an inflatable bottom section having a periphery and a central area;

an inflatable inner column coupled to the bottom section proximate the central area;

a plurality of inflatable, outer columns coupled proximate the periphery; and

an uninflated roof attached to the inner column and extending generally horizontally between the inner column and the outer columns such that the inflatable bouncer has the appearance of a cake<u>, wherein a top portion of the inflatable inner column includes one or more candle figures</u>.

11.   (Canceled)

12.   (Currently Amended) The <u>inflatable</u> bouncer of claim 10, including a wall extending between the roof and the bottom section.

13.   (Original) A method comprising supporting an uninflated roof having an inner portion and a periphery, wherein the roof is supported at the inner portion by an inflated column.

14.   (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the uninflated roof is further supported by extending the roof between the inflated column and a plurality of outer columns.

15.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

  providing an inflatable bouncer having a bottom section, an inner column attached to the bottom section and extending vertically upwards, and a plurality of outer columns attached around a periphery of the bottom section; and

  extending an uninflated roof between the inner column and the outer columns.

16.   (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein extending includes attaching the roof to the inner column and the outer columns.

17.   (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein extending includes attaching the roof to the inner column and to a support section which is attached to an upper portion of the outer columns.

18.   (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the inflated column extends vertically upwards.